

Grant Applications Available January 13th!

Wisconsin DNR Runoff Management Grant Programs

On January 13, 2006, applications will be available for two DNR grant programs that address polluted runoff, one of Wisconsin's (and the nation's) biggest water quality challenges. These two programs are the Targeted Runoff Management (TRM) and the Urban Nonpoint Source & Storm Water Management (UNPS&SW) Grant Programs.



Coles Valley Creek in Monroe County

GENERAL INFORMATION

Who can apply for these grants?

Cities, villages, towns, counties, regional planning commissions, tribal governments, and special purpose districts such as lake, sewerage, and sanitary districts are eligible to apply for (a) TRM grants in an agricultural or urban area, or (b) UNPS&SW grants to fund projects in urban areas.

Application Deadline

To be considered for funding, applications must be postmarked no later than April 17, 2006. Projects may begin on January 1, 2007. Both programs are reimbursement programs: applicants must pay 100% of project costs, then request reimbursement from the DNR for a portion of eligible costs.

Project Selection

Completed applications are scored based on factors such as fiscal accountability and cost-effectiveness, water quality, extent of pollutant control, extent of local support, and likelihood of project success. The score will be increased if there is a comprehensive implementation or enforcement program in effect in the project area. Both grants are competitive. The level of available funding will be determined by the state's biennial budget process. Highest priority in selecting projects under these grant programs will be given to projects that implement performance standards and prohibitions contained in chapter NR 151, Wis. Adm. Code and/or

that address waterbodies listed on the federal Section 303(d) list of impaired waters.

Responsibilities of Grant Recipients

Successful applicants enter into a contractual agreement with the DNR. Grant recipients must comply with program conditions, provide the local portion of the project costs, install all best management practices (BMPs) constructed under these programs and maintain them for 10 years. If applicants are providing these grant funds to private landowners, a similar contractual agreement is required between the applicant and the landowner.

How do I get an application or request additional information?

Download the application from the DNR web site: <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/water/wm/nps/financial.htm> or contact Kathy Thompson at (608) 267-7568 or via e-mail: Kathleen.Thompson@dnr.state.wi.us. DNR Regional Nonpoint Source Coordinators are available to answer questions about the grant applications.

The DNR administers these competitive grant programs under chs. NR 153, 154 and 155, Wis. Adm. Code.

Copies of these codes may be obtained at: dnr.wi.gov/org/water/wm/nps/admrules.htm.

TARGETED RUNOFF MANAGEMENT GRANTS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2007

What are Targeted Runoff Management Grants?

Targeted Runoff Management (TRM) grants are provided to control polluted runoff from both urban and agricultural sites. The grants are targeted at high-priority resource problems. Projects funded by TRM grants are site-specific and serve areas generally smaller in size than a subwatershed. The grant period is 2 years, with a possible 1-year extension. The *maximum* cost-share rate available to TRM grant recipients is 70 percent of *eligible* costs, with the total of state funding not to exceed \$150,000.

How can TRM grant money be used?

TRM grants can fund the construction of agricultural and urban BMPs. In some cases, TRM grants can also fund design of BMPs as part of a construction project. Design services provided by the private sector are cost-shared by the state at the same rate as the BMP installation. Reimbursement by the state for force account work performed by municipal employees may be no more than 5% of the total project reimbursement. Land acquisition and design can be reimbursed provided the design and parcel appraisal are approved by DNR regional staff and the construction project is selected for funding.

Some examples of eligible BMPs include detention ponds, livestock waste management practices, some cropland protection, stream bank protection projects, and wetland construction. These and other practices eligible for funding are listed in ch. NR 153 and s. NR 154.04, Wis. Adm. Code.

What projects are not funded by the TRM Grant Program?

TRM grants may not be used to fund the following:

- Projects to control pollution regulated under Wisconsin law as a point source. This includes activities to meet permit requirements for large livestock feeding operations regulated under ch. NR 243, Wis. Adm. Code, and municipal or industrial activities to meet permit requirements under ch. NR 216, Wis. Adm. Code.
- Staffing and/or planning activities.
- Construction site erosion control and post-construction structural BMPs for new development.
- Projects that are not water quality based (such as projects to solve drainage or flooding problems) or for dredging projects.
- Agricultural projects within Priority Watershed project areas, unless a showing is made that the Priority Watershed funding is inadequate to cover the entire TRM Project.



Cattle crossing constructed to minimize streambank erosion and watercourse sedimentation. -photo by Tom Blake

URBAN NONPOINT SOURCE & STORM WATER MANAGEMENT GRANTS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2007

What are Urban Nonpoint Source & Storm Water Management Grants?

Urban Nonpoint Source & Storm Water Management (UNPS&SW) grant funds are used to control polluted runoff in urban project areas. Funds are typically awarded for either planning or construction projects. However, in CY 2007, funds are only available for planning projects. The grant period is 2 years. Projects funded by these grants are site-specific, serve areas generally smaller in size than a subwatershed, and are targeted to address high-priority problems.

An "urban project area" must meet one of these criteria:

- has a residential population density of at least 1,000 people per square mile;
- has a commercial or industrial land use;
- is a portion of a privately owned industrial site not covered by a WPDES permit issued under ch. NR 216, Wis. Adm. Code; or
- is a municipally-owned industrial site (regardless of ch. NR 216, Wis. Adm. Code, permit requirements).

Governmental units are eligible for a grant even if the governmental unit is covered by a storm water permit under ch. NR 216, Wis. Adm. Code.

How can UNPS&SW planning grant money be used?

UNPS&SW planning grants can be used to pay for a variety of planning activities. Eligible activities such as stormwater management planning for existing or new development, related information and education activities, ordinance and utility district development and enforcement are cost shared at 70 percent. This year, the cap on the total state share for UNPS&SW planning projects is \$85,000. For a planning activity to be eligible for funding under this program, the project must currently be in an urban area or an area projected to be urban within 20 years.



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Upon request, this brochure can be made available in other formats, such as Braille, large type, or audio tape. Please call (608) 267-7694 for more information.

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